



**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please revise the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 19 , line 16 (paragraph number 72 of U. S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0044817A1) as follows:

The crude primers were purified by standard DMT On/Off HPLC using a Rainin Pure-DNA column on a Rainin HPLC system (Rainin Instrument Co, Woburn, Mass.). The oligonucleotides were analyzed using a ~~ABI~~ capillary electrophoresis system (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, Calif.) or by denaturing anion-exchange HPLC chromatography on a ~~Dionex~~ Nucleopak column (Dionex Corp, Sunnyvale, Calif.).